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Five Cents

\$15,000 Loan Approved For Municipal Center

The Federal Government has agreed to loan the city more than \$15,000 to pay for the advance planning of the proposed three-unit municipal center, the city council learned at its regular meeting on Monday, July 8.

Final approval of the loan now awaits the appointment of an architect by the city and the signing of the agreement which binds the city to make every effort to construct the center. The funds are equally apportioned among each of the three buildings. Whatever funds are used do not have to be paid back if that building is not built.

The city's next step was to request City Manager McDonald to set up a series of meetings between the council and various architectural firms interested in the job. Between three and five firms will meet with the council one at a time to present their ideas on building the municipal center.

The Fire Department and Rescue Squad, which will occupy one of the three units, has been pressing the city to move ahead rapidly. New equipment expected to arrive by Christmas time will not fit into their present building. The council, however, felt there was little chance that a referendum on floating a bond for the new center would be ready for the ballot in the city election in September. It was felt that the matter should not be rushed and that a referendum in which the citizens would decide whether to support the municipal center could be held separately at a later date.

Hi-Point Girls Honored

Two girls from High Point High School, Betsy Fontaine, 37-E Ridge, and Donna Irwin, Takoma Park, were honored by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit no. 136 of Greenbelt, when they were chosen to attend the annual Maryland Girls State program at Annapolis, June 24-29. Both girls were further honored at the convention—Betsy by winning fourth place in the talent contest and Donna by being chosen as a county official by her fellow Girl Staters.

Helen Kurth, chairman of the Auxiliary's committee in charge, states that both girls feel that their participation in the program has helped them to acquire a better understanding of governmental functions.

CUB PACK 746

By Smoky Stover

The highlight of the June meeting of Cub Pack 746 was a skit archaeology, the theme of the archaeology the theme of the month. The Flag Ceremony beginning the program was led by the Webelos Den. Following the skit, awards were presented by Nate Rothstein, using the much admired new Pack ceremonial board, which had been made by David Nicholson.

Pack activity continued into July with their participation as marchers in the Independence Day Parade. Two of the more popular concessions afterwards at the Lake, the pony ride and the coke ring toss, were managed by the Cubs, together with these others: Charles Hewig, Dick Hoffman, Nicholson, Bernard Krug, Robert Varney, Mr. and Mrs. Fink, Mr. and Mrs. Rothstein, and Miss Carol Wertz.

All Cubs and their families are looking forward to a picnic, Saturday, July 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Lake.

NOTICE

The Greenbelt Swimming Pool

is open to the public on Saturday mornings
9-12 a.m. Enjoy an early morning swim
with your friends.

Local Girl Enters Convent

Kathleen, older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Moroney, 14-N Hillside, has been accepted as a postulant by the Order of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Miss Moroney was graduated in June from St. Patrick's Academy, Washington, D. C., where she was a top student and active in glee club and sports, especially basketball, since her freshman year. She is planning a quick visit with her paternal grandmother in New York, after which she expects to leave very soon for the Novitiate at Notre Dame, Indiana.

The Moroneys are well known in Greenbelt, having lived here more than 14 years. Kathleen's sister attends St. Patrick's Academy and her brother is a senior at DeMatha High School. Mrs. Moroney is now working at the Co-op Food Store. Mr. Moroney is employed by the Bureau of Engraving in Washington.

The faculty of St. Hugh's School in Greenbelt are Sisters of the Holy Cross Order.

Junior Marching Unit

Thursday, July 4, marked the first anniversary of American Legion Post no. 136's Junior Marching Unit.

Just one year ago that date they entered their first parade, the annual Independence Day parade in Greenbelt. And a proud day it was! Not only did they get their "baptism of fire," but they also walked off with top honors as the best marching unit.

Since then they have spread their fame through much of Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, and their talents are known even in Virginia.

Having taken seven first-place and one second-place awards, they are a well seasoned outfit, ready to begin what is hoped will be an even better second year.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Finishing up the first round of play finds the St. Hugh's team and Athletic Club tied for first place. The Athletic Club team defeated the Methodist Church 22-2. The Baptist Chapel won their first league game by forfeit from the Fire Department. The Community Church gave the G.A.C. team its first defeat 17-9.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

Anyone submitting a story to the Greenbelt News Review is henceforth asked to include his name and telephone number with the copy so that the editors may call if information has been omitted.

City Council Gets New Police Report, Discusses Juvenile Cases For June

by Russell Greenbaum

The city council at its regular meeting on Monday, July 8, saw for the first time in cold statistics what Greenbelt's juvenile problem looks like. A new monthly report instituted by the new chief of police, Jim Williams, revealed that city police handled 65 juvenile cases during the month of June.

The report, which was presented as part of the regular monthly city departmental report, also noted that 95 other cases, presumably all involving adults over 18, were also investigated by police during the

month. The 65 juvenile cases were broken down as follows: 17 disorderly, 6 vandalism, 15 thefts, 4 ball playing, and 23 miscellaneous.

The city council was pleased to see that such a report is now available and was favorably impressed by the fact that all of the juvenile cases were marked closed—that is, all necessary action has been completed. However, Councilman Jim Smith characterized the situation revealed by the report as "disgraceful" and something in which the city could not take pride. (City Manager Charles McDonald later told the News Review that the number of juvenile cases was about average for this time of year.)

By coincidence the council was informed of the details of one of the vandalism cases involving more than \$100 worth of damage to property of the residents of the 19 court of Hillside. Three housewives residing in that court wrote the council to complain about the lack of action by the police in the case. It developed later, however, that the letter had been written prematurely and that the case was solved by the police to the complete satisfaction of all the residents involved.

Involved in the case were five juveniles who had apparently gone on an all-night camp-out party near the 19 court. In early hours of the morning they raided the court, carrying off blankets and clothes on the lines, lawn furniture, and garden equipment. The boys carried their loot back to the campsite and made a bonfire with it. They were all apprehended by the police, and restitution was made by their parents, who contributed \$25 each. An exception was the parents of one of the boys who have insisted that he earn the money himself to pay it back. City Manager McDonald noted that only one of the five boys had been in trouble before.

The letter suggested that a curfew might help to cut down juvenile problems, and McDonald indicated that he would be very much in favor of a curfew. The council, however, did not pursue this matter.

High Hedges

The problem of excessively high hedges surrounding homes at street intersections was also discussed by the council. The council agreed that these hedges constitute a serious traffic hazard since they block the view of motorists of the intersecting street. The matter of the hedge at 18-D Hillside was referred to the council by the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation because a large part of it is on the city right-of-way. McDonald reported that the home owner refuses to keep the hedge cut down since it is on city property. It appears that the other hedges involved, particularly one at Southway and Ridge, may also be on city property enabling the city to take action.

GVHC also asked the council to act in the matter of a fence being built by a resident of the 25 court of Ridge which is blocking passage of a common sidewalk used by other residents of the court. Part of the fence extends out into city property. The council requested the city manager to coordinate with GVHC on the hedges and the fence situation prior to turning the cases over to the city solicitor for legal action.

If another matter the council supported the action of the city manager in denying the request of Warner-Kanter to install septic tanks in the four model homes on display on Greenbelt Road. This would permit the homes to be sold to individuals. McDonald said no permission would be granted until Warner-Kanter made the four homes part of a development which would include a complete lay-out for water lines.

Veterans Liquors Wins Prize In Two Parades

A News Review advertiser won first place in the 4th of July parades in Greenbelt and Hyattsville. Veterans Liquors, owned and operated by Mr. Plakkos, entered a dramatic float in the "Safety" division that warned against drinking while driving.

Plakkos, one of the most consistent advertisers in the News Review, is now conducting a campaign to bring beverages of high quality to local residents at low prices. His free delivery service has been long popular in the community but he announced this week that even greater savings could be made by shopping directly at the store. Veterans Liquors is located at 11620 Washington-Baltimore Boulevard, just past the Beltsville overpass.

SWIMMING TEAM

All members interested in trying out for the Greenbelt swimming team please report at the pool at 11 a.m. Friday morning. We have a list of 12 meets to compete in.



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My Town

By Russ Greenbaum

Let's face it. The 1957 edition of Greenbelt's Glorious Fourth will go down in history as a fanfaronading fiasco. Before hundreds of onlookers, many of them attracted from miles around to see Greenbelt's famous fireworks display by the cool lake, Greenbelt laid an egg with a thud that must have rocked the Washington Monument. In the words of the immortal Shakespeare, "What's happen'?" Frankly, no one seems to know—not even the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad which was sponsoring the event for the first time, although they're trying to find out. The GFDRS, which was passed the job by the Boys' Club like a hot potato several weeks ago, is not happy. When the last flare had fizzled out in the brief span of no more than 15 minutes, they were hopefully looking around for a fire to go to or an accident to happen.

Actually, they were almost accommodated during the fireworks display itself. It soon became obvious that some of the fireworks men had a grudge against some of the people in the crowd—or perhaps against all Greenbelters in general. At any rate, there were a few of the rockets that headed straight for the audience like guided missiles. Fortunately, they did not actually land in the crowd, but several people were sure they felt their hot breath. (Since I work for the Navy, I'm tempted to say that these rockets must have been fired by Air Force employees—but no, I won't say it.) At any rate, the mystery of the missing fireworks order or "who stole our thunder?" will probably be filed with such other unsolved local mysteries as why did Warner-Kanter buy our land.

Sad to say, the "dazzling" fireworks display (which might be summed up as "too little, too late"), was the climax to a celebration that was not our best effort, to say the least. In the morning there was an alleged parade that was actually a vaudeville show for the reviewing stand at Centerway, following which the players strag-

ged off into the wings—that is, the rest of the parade route. For the parade watchers down near the end of the route it took so long for the units to get to them that they must have wondered if they were coming from the Center via the New Jersey Turnpike. At that, the units would have made better time. Admittedly, it was enjoyable to see the five-minute performances at the Center of the baton twirling young ladies, the Indians, the drill team, bands, etc., but in all that heat! Anyway, next year as a grand climax to the fireworks, the GFDRS plans to blow up the city offices. They figure that's the only way they're sure of getting a new city center.

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The city council is really scratching its collective heads (assuming anyone wants to collect their heads), to figure out ways of drawing crowds to the swimming pool on Saturday mornings. One suggestion was that the council itself attend en masse and advertise it as a "meet-your-councilman" event. This idea is definitely intriguing. The way to meet your councilman in the pool would be to grasp his shoulders firmly and then, following your request for action, steadily dunk him beneath the waters until he guaranteed you action. Another suggestion was that the trash pick-up trucks carry signs advertising the pool. The only trouble is that these trucks whiz by the courts so fast that few would read the signs. (I'll back my trash man to break the world's 100-yard dash record any time, but that's another column).

My own suggestion is for a "Mrs. Greenbelt" bathing beauty contest with the preliminaries held on Saturday mornings at the pool. Think of all the Greenbelt husbands who are dying to ogle their neighbors' shapely wives (yes, there are some) but know that the looks from their own wives would burn them down quicker than a solar furnace. In the contest I have suggested, however, this could be easily done and justified as a community project. The judges would be selected by lot and be obligated to serve if chosen. After all, everyone should perform his civic duty.

During the year, the Club sponsored the following groups: Browne Troop No. 416 the "Pirates" in Little League Baseball; Contestant for queen in the Labor Day Festival Trip for the North End School Safety Patrol the Greenbelt Junior High School band in the Annual Lions Club Band Contest, National Guard Armory and a Citizenship Award to a worthy senior at High Point High School; at a total cost of approximately \$250.00.

Participation in Community affairs include: Fourth of July Parade; Labor Day Festival; Bringing Santa Claus to town at Xmas time; the Easter Parade and Egg Roll; at a total cost of approximately \$100.

Charitable donations to needy families, plus purchase of eye glasses and a donation to the Lions Eye Bank, total approximately \$250.00.

Other projects include: Donating 32 pints of blood to the Red Cross; Willing 5 corneas to the Lions Eye Bank; Gathering up books from the Community for the Library at High Point High School.

The Greenbelt Club received high mention and many awards at the Annual Lions Convention of this District held last week in Atlantic City, N. J.

Lions Review 1956-57

A review of activities of the Lions Club of Greenbelt for the past fiscal year indicates a highly successful period in terms of fellowship within the group and of service to the community.

Gathering twice a month for dinner meetings at the Community Church, the Club has had the pleasure of hearing the following guest speakers: Dr. Homer Elkins, president of Maryland University; Tommy Mont, football coach of M.U.; a representative of the Narcotics Squad of the Metropolitan Police Dept.; Dr. Comeau of the Prince Georges Heart Association; Mr. McCloskey of the Prince Georges Safety Dept.; two representatives of the Maryland State Police; a representative of the Atomic Energy Commission and George Brasfield of the Investors Information Service; plus many high ranking Lion officials in the Washington area and several professional entertainers.

Major fund raising projects consisting of the Annual New Years Eve Dance, selling of fruit cakes, and participating in an auto raffle, produced approximately \$800 profit.

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Sunday, July 14: 9:30 a.m., Sunday school and adult Bible class. Classes are held for each age group. Raymond Carriere, superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church services. Sermon by Pastor Birner. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 11 o'clock service. Those desiring the Sacrament should announce their intentions to the Pastor. Visitors are always welcome to worship with us.

Monday, July 15: Vacation Bible School begins. The morning session, 9-11:30, is for children between the ages of 4 and 8. The afternoon session, 1-3:30, is for older children between the ages of 8 and 14.

BAPTIST CHAPEL

Center School
Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor
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Sunday, July 14, 9:45 a.m., Sunday school for all ages. John S. Stewart, Jr., superintendent. Morning worship service in the auditorium. The Chapel choir will sing and the Pastor will continue his series of messages on "Parables of the Lord" with the message entitled "Fruitless or Fruitbearing." 2:30-4 p.m., Visitation of prospects and new families who have recently moved to Greenbelt. Please meet at the parsonage at 2:30 for prayer, assignments, and instructions. 6 p.m., Training Union for all ages, Mrs. John S. Stewart, Jr., Director. Evening worship informal song service, and message by Mr. Samuelson entitled "Mixed Membership." Revelation 2.

Monday, July 15, 8:30 p.m., Baseball, Baptists vs. St. Hugh's.

Wednesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m., Chapel Council at the Parsonage.

Thursday, July 18, 7:30 p.m., Quarterly business meeting.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday, July 14: Morning worship at 10 a.m., with service being conducted by junior and senior high young people who attended this year's church camps. Church School: 9 a.m., junior and senior high, junior, and adults. 10 a.m., nursery, kindergarten, primary.

Librarian's Notebook

by Louise MacDiarmid

Children who are Book Anglers are better readers, have you noticed? The Book Anglers Summer Reading Club is gaining members every day. Several branches have over 200 children reading to earn their certificates. In most branches this is done by written reports, but in the Hyattsville branch, the members meet for a weekly informal book discussion. The written reports are equally interesting and designed to bring out individual preferences.

You are invited to bring your children and meet the librarians. They will be happy to explain this program to you.

Schmidt - Birner

A very pretty summer wedding was solemnized Sunday afternoon, June 30, at the Saint John Lutheran Church, Garfield Heights, Ohio, when Nancy Louise Schmidt became the bride of Rev. Edward H. Birner, with the Rev. E. T. J. Birner, Mattoon, Illinois, officiating.

Miss Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schmidt, Brecksville, Ohio, entered the church to the strains "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." The bride was attired in a princess style, waltz length, dress of white taffeta, wearing a short veil of illusion attached to a pearl crown. She carried a cascade bouquet of pink carnations, stephanotis, and ivy. The bride was attended by her sisters, Miss Mary Jayne of Brecksville, and Mrs. Kay Streufert of St. Charles, Missouri, maid and matron of honor. Her bridesmaids were Miss Dorothy Birner of St. Louis, and Miss Ellen Donahue of Forest Hills, New York. The bride's attendants, in gowns of candle glow polished cotton embroidered in threads of pink and gold, wore haloes of orange blossoms and carried bouquets of pink daisies. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Attending the groom were his brother, the Rev. Charles Birner, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Rev. Arlo Nau of Annapolis, Maryland, the Rev. David Koenig of Highland, Indiana, and Mr. Robert Bokenkamp of Champaign, Illinois. At the organ was Miss Marian Wissback, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, prior to the service, a recording of the Martin Luther Chapel Choir, a children's choir of thirty voices, as directed by Mr. Donald Brauer, was played.

Mrs. George Schmidt, the mother of the bride, wore a dress of embroidered beige eyelet with beige accessories, and a corsage of pink carnations. Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, mother of the groom, wore a blue lace dress with white accessories, and pink carnation corsage. After the marriage service a wedding reception was held in the St. John Lutheran School.

The bride is a graduate of Cuyahoga Falls High School, and the Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois. Since her graduation she has been teaching first and second grades in the Martin Luther Christian Day School at Merchantville, New Jersey. The groom attended high school in Mattoon, Illinois, preparatory college at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and is a graduate of the Concordia Seminary, in St. Louis. He is pastor of the Greenbelt Lutheran Church.

Following a honeymoon trip to the Smoky Mountains, North Carolina, the Rev. and Mrs. Birner will reside at 18-L Ridge Road in Greenbelt.

SUMMER DANCES

St. Hugh's CYO will resume their summer dances on Thursday, July 11, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission 25c. These dances will continue every Thursday for the rest of the summer.

SWIMMING REGISTRATION

Registration for swimming classes will be held Monday, July 15, at 9 a.m. at the swimming pool. A fee of \$2.00 must accompany the registration.

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VOLUNTEER NOTES

By Charles T. McDonald,
City Manager

As a guest writer for the column, Volunteer, in this week's issue I could express my true appreciation for the fine work of the Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad by repeating the words of Rev. Walter C. Smith, who was the guest writer two weeks ago; but I am sure that Mr. Lester Citron (on vacation) the regular writer of this column, would prefer that I dwell on the importance of the coordination of the public service groups in our community.

It so happens that recently I received word from the Housing and Home Finance Agency that approval had been given for the advancement of funds to the city of Greenbelt for the preparation of plans and specifications for the proposed new fire department building, and I am sure that the members of the Fire Department and Rescue Squad and the citizens of Greenbelt would prefer that I take this occasion to announce the progress of this project.

The next step, of course, will be the preparation of architectural plans and specifications and the preparation of information to the citizens in connection with a proposed referendum in September.

I mention the new fire department building because this is one of the problems where very close cooperation between the Fire Department and Rescue Squad committees and the city officials is a MUST. Expenditure of any funds for municipal services, whether it be through bond issue or appropriations in a budget, will very definitely affect the tax rate. Consequently we will be working very closely together in the next few months to present to the citizens the importance of the need of a new fire department building in Greenbelt.



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Achievement Tests

Starting on Wednesday, July 17, and each Wednesday thereafter, a series of tests will be held on Braden Field. Tests will start at 10 a.m. for boys and girls under 18. For adults 18 and over tests will start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. The tests will be scored similar to that of the Decathlon event in the Olympic games. A distance or time will be set for each event to gain 20 points. For each additional full second or foot, etc. as set up, five additional points can be obtained. At the conclusion of the test all points will be totaled, and a cup awarded to the winner of each group. Testing will be as follows:

	Ages 4-6	Boys	Girls
1. 15 Yard Dash	8 Sec.	9 Sec.	
2. Softball Throw	20 Ft.	20 Ft.	
3. Standing Broad Jump	4 Ft.		4 Ft.
4. Be able to get off bottom of pool			
5. Hop, Step and Jump	6 Ft.	6 Ft.	
	Ages 7-10	Boys	Girls
1. Softball Throw for Accuracy	50 Ft.	50 Ft.	
2. Softball Throw for Distance	10 Sec.	10 Sec.	
3. 50 Yard Dash	18 Sec.	18 Sec.	
4. 20 Yard Swim	8 Ft.	8 Ft.	
5. Hop, Step and Jump	13 Sec.	13 Sec.	
	Ages 11-13	Boys	Girls
1. 50 Yard Dash	8 Sec.	8 Sec.	
2. Running Broad Jump	12 Ft.	12 Ft.	
3. Push Ups	10	6	
4. Base Running	20 Sec.	22 Sec.	
5. Swim (20 yards)	1 Min.	13 Sec.	
	Ages 14-17	Boys	Women
1. Basket Shooting	20 in 1 Min.	15 in 1 Min.	
2. 75 Yard Dash	10 Sec.	12 Sec.	
3. Running Broad Jump	15 Ft.	10 Ft.	
4. Swimming (80 yards)	1 Min.	1:10 Sec.	
5. Push Ups	25	10	
	Ages 18-21	Men	Women
1. 75 Yard Dash	10 Sec.	12 Sec.	
2. Running Broad Jump	15 Ft.	10 Ft.	
3. Swimming (80 yards)	55 Sec.	1 Min.	
4. Push Ups	25	10	
5. Basket Shooting	20 per Min.	15 per Min.	
	Ages 21-30	Men	Women
1. Running Broad Jump	11 Ft.	12 Ft.	
2. Push Ups	25	10	
3. 75 Yard Dash	10 Sec.	12 Sec.	
4. Swimming (Crawl-80 yards)	1 Min.	1 Min.	
5. 200 Yard Walk	30 Sec.	30 Sec.	
	Ages 30-Over	Men	Women
1. 200 Yard Walk	8 Sec.		
2. 50 Yard Dash			
3. Softball Throw for Accuracy			
4. Swim (1 length of pool)			
5. Standing Broad Jump	6 Ft.		

Interested persons can register by calling the Recreation Department, GRanite 3-2011, or be present at the first testing on Wednesday, July 17.

NOTICE TO SWIMMERS

Friday the swimming lesson period for the first section ends. Friday is the test day for children. Following is the schedule for children to report for testing at the pool.

Schedule A - 9:00 a.m. - Beginners
B - 9:45 a.m. - Beginners
C - 10:30 a.m. - Beginners
Intermediate and swimmers will report at 11 a.m.

The above schedule is in lieu of the regularly scheduled swimming lessons for that day.

Majorettes

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Majorettes marched off with first place at the 150th Anniversary Parade of the Cottage City Fire Department on Monday, July 1. The girls who participated were Nancy Kurth, Lillian Castaldi, Phyllis Palmerton, Joyce Pendleton, Carol Palmerton, Pat Woytko, Charlene Burry, Paula Henry, Dorothy Smith, and Maxine Fern.

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Greenbelt Profiles

By Barbara Gilmore

If you ever see several gigantic paintings walking out of 19-D Ridge, you can bet your bottom dollar that behind it all is professional artist, CONNIE LAWSON, off to exhibit her latest flights of the brush.

Connie succeeds in her field of endeavor justifiably and logically, having been interested and encouraged in art since second grade and having been fortunate enough to study at the spacious Cranbrook School in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Her magnificent assembly of stylization, composition and color create unusual and varied paintings realistic enough and with a touch of newness that make them appealing to almost everyone. One painting in particular that caught my fancy was an almost monochromatic "Worm's Eye" view of a farm cultivator, showing the large discs in gradation from bottom to center of canvas in contrast with the man in back of all this machinery in very deep perspective. Another was a "Bird's Eye" view of six rowboats done in blues, browns and white with black accents. Although her paintings all have the Lawson signature, and are basically studies in stylization, composition and color, they vary greatly in general overall appearance; an accomplishment difficult to achieve.

Connie's role as artist complements her life as housewife and mother, as one can easily see upon entering the Lawson home. The living room is a subtle chartreuse with dark green upholstered furniture and bamboo drapes. On one side of the room a huge botanical specimen stands majestically, contrasted by a Japanese doll-lantern hanging from the window. While I sipped delicious Italian coffee with lemon rind (you should try it some time!) Connie told me about her career as an artist.

Upon completing high school, Connie attended a vocational school where she studied art for about a year and a half. She then went on to Cranbrook where she worked very hard, and following her study went to work for a container corporation designing labels for bath cosmetics; then off to fashion illustration, via Hudson's Department store and finally into newspaper fashion illustration that helped lead her on the road to her career as a free-lance painter. An average painting takes her four or five days, while she can finish others in two; some take even longer. However discouraged Connie gets she still realizes, she says, that in these paintings that require so much time, she is learning, and this struggle enables her to "whip out" one in ten.

Last fall Connie had several of her paintings in the model home of House and Garden's House-of-the-Year. She also shows at the Baltimore Museum and many other places in the Washington-Baltimore area.

While at Cranbrook, Connie met Gordon, an accomplished ceramicist himself. They attended school together and were married. They moved on to Washington where Gordon is employed as a technical writer. Connie enjoys her Greenbelt home, as it gives her the opportunity to work in the garden as well as having a house without a lot of responsibilities.

Susan, the Lawson's lively 6 year old often works side by side with her Mommy creating endless works of art as children often do.

Connie's efforts can regularly be seen at the Artist's Mart in Georgetown, and if you're ever in that neck of the woods you ought to drop in and give your eyes a treat.

PLAYGROUNDS

At present there are two playgrounds in operation in Greenbelt. The North End School playground, sponsored by the County Recreation Department, is open 9 to 5 p.m. The Center School playground, sponsored by the City Recreation Department, is open 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

Co-op Expands Gas Station Facilities

By Elizabeth Iseli, Vice Chairman

The Greenbelt Co-op is currently in the throes of major expansion of its gasoline filling station facilities in nearby Maryland. Only last October it completed the new \$100,000 co-op filling station in Greenbelt on Southway.

The expansion program involves completion of one new station in Takoma Park, the building of another new one in the same community, and construction of an addition to the present filling station in Wheaton.

It is estimated that the total program will cost about \$200,000.

The new station in Takoma Park is being built on a 14-acre tract being developed by the co-op. It is located at the corner of New Hampshire Ave. and East-West Hwy. It will be a six-bay station costing approximately \$65,000. The facility is scheduled to open in October. The new station will replace the one presently leased by the co-op across the street next to the Co-op Super Drug Store. Ultimately the co-op plans to erect a multi-million dollar, ultra-modern shopping center on the same 14-acre tract.

A glistening new 4-bay, \$50,000 co-op service station will be opened next month by GCS at Piney Branch Rd. and Flower Ave. The site is adjacent to the new co-op general store which is now under construction and is scheduled to open about October 1.

The third step in the filling station expansion is construction of an addition to the rear of the Wheaton service station to make more automobile repair service available to the co-op members and the general public in that area. The addition is expected to cost \$20,000 and will feature factory-trained mechanics doing expert repair work. The customer will be able to watch the work himself, if he chooses.

The co-op petroleum division, headed by Ed Burgoon, employs 50 men now. When the new facilities are completed, that figure will be increased to 75.

TENNIS INSTRUCTION

A tennis class for adults 21 and over will begin on Wednesday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. on the tennis court. The class will be for beginners and intermediates. Each person is required to bring his own racquet; balls will be furnished. Instruction will be furnished by Stan Kushner.

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Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik — 6060

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kosiski, 2-E Laurel, enjoyed their vacation in Miami Beach, Florida. They visited former Greenbelter Mrs. Juliano during their stay. While vacationing, their thirteenth grandchild, Mary Lynne Kosiski, made her debut at Prince Georges Hospital.

Congratulations to those talented youngsters winning the GCS coloring contest. Barbara Lee Stratton, Phyllis Chasnow, Peggy Hyland, Nancy Haslinger, Karen McKenzie, and Dianne Ronchi, will all receive Beach Balls.

The Joseph Wilkinsons, 15-A Laurel, went a-tentin' over the weekend, and tried out their new sleeping bags, at Cowan's Gap, Pennsylvania.

Jane and Bob Melby, 9-J Southway, have a new telephone number, GRanite 4-6424.

The Billy Kleins, 2-F Northway, and Sidney Rubins, 6-A Hillside, will tell you their vacation trip was most exciting. On their journey to Kitty Hawk, both families stopped at Yorktown. Highlighting their trip was a climb to the top of Jockey Ridge, the biggest sand dune in the United States, and a visit to the Jamestown Festival.

Birthday greetings to Ellen Vemoff, 19-E Ridge, who had an advanced birthday party last week. Ellen leaves shortly for Camp Louise, and will actually celebrate her twelfth birthday during her camp stay. Eleven boys and girls attended Ellen's "Come As You Are Party". Are you wondering what a Come As You Are Party is? Well, the host or hostess extends an invitation to the party by phone, and makes a record of her guest's attire at the time the call is made. Said guest is expected to wear these very duds (same spots, holes, etc.) to the celebration. Certainly sounds like fun. Understand Leslie Robinson was the most truthful party-comer—no shoes.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold J. Compron, 54-A Ridge, on the arrival of a son. Arnold John was born July 3, and weighed in at 8 lbs. 8 oz. He is the first child. Mrs. Compron is the former Sharon Scales, 14-M Hillside.

About 20 Greenbelt youngsters from the JCC Youth Groups and their guests appeared on Milt Grant's Record Hop, Channel 5, last Tuesday. In the all important dance contest, Francis Bukzin and Robert Fink placed first.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Crowder, 15-E Laurel Hill, and their two children, Mark and Francis have just returned from a two week motor trip to Rosedale, Indiana, where they visited relatives and friends. During their stay, Francis celebrated her tenth birthday.

Enjoying the sands of Rehoboth Beach over the weekend were the Isadore Parkers, 45-J Ridge.

A very happy birthday to Janet Hertz, 45-T Ridge. This young

lady was fourteen years old on Monday.

Robert Carter, 6 Hillside, has just returned from Chicago and Kansas City, where he attended the American Library Conventions. During his two week trip, he also visited relatives in Indiana and Ohio.

Visiting the Joe Nusinovs, 50-C Ridge, last week were Ethel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Batt of New York City.

Sidney Rubin of 6-A Hillside, Greenbelt CPA, has been elected a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Rubin conducts an independent public accounting practice in Washington, D. C.

Ronald K. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hunt of 3-D Research rd., and an Air Force ROTC cadet at Maryland University, is presently attending the Air Force ROTC summer training camp at James Connally AFB, Texas. Cadet Hunt, who has completed his junior year in advanced Air Force ROTC, is attending the 4 weeks of summer training as a part of his Reserve officer training at college.

While at the University of Maryland, Cadet Hunt will observe and actually participate in Air Force operations. Following graduation at Maryland University, he will be eligible for appointment as a second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve and for entry into flight training to win the coveted silver wings of an Air Force pilot.



Daniel B. Branch, Jr.

Daniel B. Branch, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Branch of 13-H Ridge, mans the wheel of a landing craft at the Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk, Va. He was one of 850 Naval Academy juniors and 50 Royal Canadian Naval Cadets to undergo two weeks of amphibious training at Little Creek June 9-22. The future Naval officers climaxed their training by participating in an actual amphibious assault landing at Camp Pendleton, Va., June 21.

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